

Application Serial No. 10/660,492
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An optical device comprising:

~~a source of electromagnetic radiation;~~

a target to be illuminated with ~~at least a portion of the~~ rays of electromagnetic radiation ~~emitted by said source;~~

a single, non-cascaded first reflector having an optical axis and a first and a second focal point on said optical axis, said rays of electromagnetic radiation ~~source~~ being located directed substantially proximate to said first focal point of said first reflector to ~~produce rays of radiation that~~ reflect from said first reflector and substantially converge at said second focal point; and

a single, non-cascaded second reflector having an optical axis and a first and a second focal point on said optical axis of said second reflector, said target being located substantially proximate to said first focal point of said second reflector to receive at least a portion of the rays of radiation that pass through said second focus of said second reflector and are reflected by said second reflector to substantially converge at said first focal point of said second reflector, said second reflector being positioned and oriented with respect to said first reflector such that said second focal point of said first reflector and said second focal point of said second reflector are positioned substantially proximate and said optical axis of said first reflector and said optical axis of said second reflector are substantially collinear.

2. (Currently amended) The collecting and condensing system of claim 1, wherein the first reflector and the second reflector are about the same size and shape and have a corresponding size and optical orientation with respect to each other so that substantially each ray of radiation reflected by a surface portion of said first reflector is reflected by a corresponding surface portion of said second reflector toward said target so as to achieve substantially unit magnification between the rays of electromagnetic radiation ~~source~~ being directed substantially proximate to said first focal point of said first reflector and the target.

3. (Original) The optical device of claim 1, wherein each of said first and said second reflectors comprises at least a portion of a substantial ellipsoid of revolution.

4. (Original) The optical device of claim 3, wherein each of said first and said second reflectors further comprises a non-ellipsoidal section.

5. (Original) The optical device of claim 1, wherein each of said first and said second reflectors comprises at least a portion of a substantial toroid of revolution.

6. (Original) The optical device of claim 1, wherein each of said first and said second reflectors comprises at least a portion of a substantial sphere of revolution.

7. (Currently amended) The optical device of claim 1, wherein a portion of the rays of electromagnetic radiation ~~emitted by said source of electromagnetic radiation~~ impinges directly on said first reflector and a portion of the electromagnetic radiation does not impinge directly on said first reflector and wherein said device further comprise an additional reflector constructed and arranged to reflect at least part of the portion of the electromagnetic radiation that does not impinge directly on said first reflector toward said first reflector through the first focal point of said first reflector to increase the flux intensity of the converging rays.

8. (Currently amended) The optical device of claim 7, wherein said additional reflector comprises a spherical retro-reflector disposed on a side of said ~~source~~ first focal point of said first reflector opposite said first reflector to reflect electromagnetic radiation emitted from said ~~source in a direction~~ away from said first reflector toward said first reflector through the first focal point of said first reflector.

9. (Original) The optical device of claim 1, wherein said optical axes of said first and second reflectors substantially coincide with one another and wherein said first and second reflectors are arranged in an opposed, facing relation with respect to each other.

10. (Original) The optical device of claim 1 further comprising an image source illuminated by the radiation collected and condensed at said target, wherein said image source contains a stored image and said stored image is projected by the radiation.

11. (Currently amended) The optical device of claim 1 wherein the first and the second reflectors each have diameter that is substantially greater than a distance between the ~~source~~ first focal point of said first reflector and the target.

12. (Currently amended) An optical device for collecting electromagnetic radiation ~~emitted by a source of electromagnetic radiation~~ and substantially focusing the collected radiation onto a target, said device comprising:

a single, non-cascaded first reflector comprising at least a portion of a revolution of a concave curve, said first reflector having an optical axis and at least two focal points on said optical axis, said first reflector ~~producing~~ substantially converging rays of radiation reflected from said first reflector ~~that converge~~ at a second focal points of said first reflector when a ~~source of electromagnetic~~ said rays of radiation is located at are directed substantially proximate to a first focal point of said first reflector; and

a single, non-cascaded second reflector comprising at least a portion of a revolution of a concave curve, said second reflector having an optical axis and at least two focal points on said optical axis, said second reflector being positioned and oriented with respect to said first reflector so that the optical axis of the first reflector and the optical axis of the second reflector are substantially collinear, said second reflector being positioned and oriented with respect to said first reflector so that the second focal point of the first reflector and a second focal points of the second reflector are positioned substantially proximate, and the converging rays of radiation reflected from said first reflector passing through the second focal point of the first reflector and ~~being~~ are substantially redirected by said second reflector toward the target positioned substantially proximate the second focal point of said second reflector.

13. (Currently amended) The optical device of claim 12, wherein said first reflector and said second reflector have substantially the same size and shape and are oriented optically

symmetrically with respect to each other so that each ray of radiation reflected by a surface portion of said first reflector is reflected by a corresponding surface portion of said reflector toward said target so as to achieve substantially unit magnification between the rays of electromagnetic radiation source being directed substantially proximate to said first focal point of said first reflector and the target.

14. (Currently amended) The optical device of claim 12, further comprising an additional reflector constructed and arranged to reflect at least part of a portion of electromagnetic radiation ~~emitted by the source~~ that does not impinge directly on said first reflector toward said first reflector through the first focal point of said first reflector to increase the flux intensity of the converging rays.

15. (Currently amended) A method for collecting rays of electromagnetic radiation ~~emitted by a source of electromagnetic radiation~~ and focusing the collected rays of electromagnetic radiation onto a target, said method comprising the steps of:

directing positioning said rays source of electromagnetic radiation at substantially proximate to a first focal point of a single, non-cascaded first ~~ellipsoidal~~ reflector so that said first reflector substantially converges said ~~produces~~ rays of radiation reflected from said first reflector ~~that converge~~ at a second focal points of said first reflector;

positioning a single, non-cascaded second ~~ellipsoidal~~ reflector so that a first focal point of the second ~~ellipsoidal~~ reflector is substantially proximate with the second focal point of the first ~~ellipsoidal~~ reflector, whereby the converging rays of radiation reflected from said first reflector pass through the first focal point of the first reflector and are redirected by said second reflector toward a second focal point of said second reflector; and

positioning the target proximate to the second focal point of said second reflector;

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of orientating the first reflector and the second reflectors so that an optical axis of the first reflector and an optical axis of the second reflector substantially coincide.